



H.R. 5047: Introduced Tax Day, April 15, 2010

“The Taxpayer Bill of Rights Act of 2010 will give America’s working families the much needed support and resources they need to complete the tax filing process. This common sense legislation clarifies the rights and responsibilities of all taxpayers, improves taxpayer services and provides better oversight of paid tax preparers.” –Rep. Xavier Becerra (CA-31)

America’s working families deserve to know their rights and be protected from untrained and unscrupulous preparers when it comes time to file their tax returns. In an effort to clarify the rights and responsibilities of all taxpayers and improve taxpayer services and protections, Congressman Becerra introduced the Taxpayer Bill of Rights Act in 2008, and again in 2010.

Among its common sense provisions, the Taxpayer Bill of Rights Act of 2010 would:

- Require the IRS to publish a Taxpayer Bill of Rights that clarifies the rights and obligations of American taxpayers.
- Create a grant program that authorizes \$35 million for Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and increases the authorization for Low-Income Taxpayer Clinics (LITCs) to \$20 million. The bill also authorizes the IRS to refer taxpayers to LITCs, which can assist taxpayers with disputes they may have with the IRS.
- Enhance oversight of paid tax return preparers and refund anticipation loan products to help prevent harm that may be inflicted by unscrupulous and untrained preparers.
- Enhance modest-income taxpayers’ access to financial institutions.

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